



Welcome to Immanuel

1st Sunday after Christmas

December 29th 2024
9:00am

Notes for your time in worship...

We are glad that you have chosen to be in the Lord's house today and pray that God will bless you in this time of worship. The words, "*Stand*," and "*Sit*," are for those who are able. If you are a guest, we ask that you please complete a green Visitor Card, found in the card rack on the back of the pews, and place it in the offering plate.

We are delighted that you're here and hope to see you again!

Preparation for Worship

Our worship begins with the prelude. The prelude invites us to prepare our hearts and minds for worship. We invite you to separate yourselves from the clutter of everyday life and focus on God through prayerful meditation.

What does this look like?

- Close your eyes and take some deep breaths.
- Meditate upon the scripture lessons for today, listed in the bulletin.
- Read the "Before worship" prayer located in the front of the hymnal.
- Silence your phone and silence your mind.

Once the prelude begins, usually five minutes before the service, please refrain from loud conversation. The sanctuary, where the pews are, is a place of worship. While you are encouraged to welcome your brothers and sisters in Christ, we ask that you speak softly so as not to interrupt those who are taking this time to focus on God through the music presented.

From Your AudioVisual Team...

Our worship today will be livestreamed for those members and friends that are unable to join us in person. By entering the Sanctuary, you give permission to Immanuel Lutheran Church and School to film or photograph you, and any minor children under the age of 18, and use your likeness on our social media channels and website.

If you would like to limit your time on camera please sit towards the back of the Sanctuary or off to either side. If you have any concerns, please speak with one of the ushers before or after service today.

Preparing for the Lord's Supper

All who receive the Lord's Supper at this church—members and guests alike—are encouraged to use the following questions as a guide to self-examination in preparation for Communion:

† **"Am I a baptized child of the Heavenly Father?"**

Acts 2:38-39. Peter said to them, "Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is for you and for your children and for all who are far off, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to Himself."

† **"Have I confessed and repented of my sins?"**

Matthew 3:2. "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand."

† **"Do I trust that Jesus Christ alone is my Savior from sin?"**

1 John 1:7. But if we walk in the light, as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus His Son cleanses us from all sin.

† **"Do I believe that in this Blessed Sacrament (Holy Communion) I am receiving the actual body and blood of Christ, under the bread and wine, for the forgiveness of my sins?"**

Matthew 26:26-28. Now as they were eating, Jesus took bread, and after blessing it broke it and gave it to the disciples, and said, "Take, eat; this is My body." And He took a cup, and when He had given thanks He gave it to them, saying, "Drink of it, all of you, for this is My blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins."

† **"Do I intend, with the Lord's help, to amend my sinful life?"**

Galatians 5:22-25. But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law. And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. If we live by the Spirit, let us also keep in step with the Spirit.

If, in good conscience, you are unable to affirm the above questions, we invite you to come forward for a blessing. Simply cross your arms in front of you and the pastor or lay minister will offer a blessing to you.

Offerings are given as a response of all God's gifts given to us.

2 Corinthians 9:7-8 states:

"Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that having all sufficiency in all things at all times, you may abound in every good work."

As a member of Immanuel, we are called to support the mission and ministry of ILCS. If you are a guest or visitor this day, please know that there is no expectation for you to give.

We do invite you to fill out the visitor card and place it in the offering plate so that we can share with you all the ministries of Immanuel.

We thank those who serve today in worship:

<i>Presiding Minister & Preacher:</i> Pastor Ryan	<i>Organist/Minister of Music:</i> Oyeniran Oyedeji	<i>Greeters:</i> Tary & Adele Tarlton
<i>Assisting Minister</i> Bruce Pflieger	<i>Cantor:</i> Julie Yapoujian	<i>Altar Guild:</i> Nancy Schulz and Cathy Hunt
<i>Communion Assistant:</i> Tim Schultz	<i>Reader:</i> Loretta Fox	<i>Audio & Visual:</i> (a) Joel Wardenburg (v) Zach Booth
<i>Acolyte:</i> Ani Yapoujian	<i>Ushers:</i> Alan & Carol Boyce and Ed & Tammy Eaton	

This week we pray for...

- Immanuel Lutheran School | Mrs. Bacher & Mrs. Baker's Middle-Schoolers
Riley, Ann Louise, Isabella, Blake, Sophia, Brayden, Simon, Chris,
Franco, Julian
- Chris Benson
- Joyce Russotti

*Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances;
for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus*

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

Eternal Lights this month are given...

In Memory of Allyn Sweet by
Ethel & Kristi Sweet

Office Lights this month are given...

In Memory of John by Jan

Prelude

"Prelude on 'Forest Green'"
"Prelude on 'Divinum Mysterium'"

Wilbur Held
Wilbur Held

Chiming of the Hour

Welcome

Stand

Opening Hymn

Of the Father's Love Begotten
Stz. 2, Women | Stz. 4, Men

LSB 384

✠ Confession & Forgiveness ✠

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

P Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C who made heaven and earth.

P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

C and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

P O almighty God, merciful Father,

C I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

P Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

✠ Service of the Word ✠

Introit *sung by cantor*

Psalm 98:1-4; antiphon: Isaiah 52:10

The LORD has bared his holy arm before the eyes of all the | nations,*
 and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation | of our God.
 Oh sing to the LORD a new song, for he has done | marvelous things!*
 His right hand and his holy arm have worked salva- | tion for him.
 The LORD has made known his sal- | vation;*
 he has revealed his righteousness in the sight of the | nations.
 He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of | Israel.*
 All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation | of our God.
 Make a joyful noise to the LORD, | all the earth;*
 break forth into joyous song and sing | praises!

G Glo - ry be to the Fa-ther and to the Son and to the Ho-ly Ghost;
 as it was in the be-gin-ning, is now, and ev-er shall be, world with-out end. A-men.

The LORD has bared his holy arm before the eyes of all the | nations,*
 and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation | of our God.

Kyrie II (*Lord, Have Mercy*)

LSB 944

1 Ky - ri - e e - lei - son. Ky - ri - e e - lei - son.
 2 Chris - te e - lei - son. Chris - te e - lei - son.
 3 Ky - ri - e e - lei - son. Ky - ri - e e - lei - son.

Ky - ri - e e - le - - - i - son.
 Chris - te e - le - - - i - son.
 Ky - ri - e e - le - - - i - son.

Glory to God, We Give You Thanks and Praise

LSB 946

1 Glo - ry to God, we give You thanks and praise;
 2 Lord Je - sus Christ, the Fa - ther's on - ly Son,
 Δ 3 A - lone, O Christ, You on - ly are the Lord,
 Of heav'n - ly joy and earth - ly peace we sing.
 You bore for us the load of this world's sin.
 At God's right hand in maj - es - ty most high:
 We wor - ship You, to You our hearts we raise,
 O Lamb of God, Your glo - rious vic - t'ry won,
 Who with the Spir - it wor - shiped and a - dored,
 Lord God, al - might - y Fa - ther, heav'n - ly King.
 Re - ceive our prayer, grant us Your peace with - in.
 With all the heav'n - ly host we glo - ri - fy.

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Salutation and Collect (*Prayer*) of the Day

LSB 214

- P** The Lord be with you.
- C** And also with you.
- P** Let us pray.
- C** O God, our Maker and Redeemer, You wonderfully created us and in the incarnation of Your Son yet more wondrously restored our human nature. Grant that we may ever be alive in Him who made Himself to be like us; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Sit

Holy Gospel

Luke 2:22–40

- P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the second chapter.
C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

²²When the time came for their purification according to the Law of Moses, [Mary and Joseph] brought [Jesus] up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord ²³(as it is written in the Law of the Lord, “Every male who first opens the womb shall be called holy to the Lord”) ²⁴and to offer a sacrifice according to what is said in the Law of the Lord, “a pair of turtledoves, or two young pigeons.” ²⁵Now there was a man in Jerusalem, whose name was Simeon, and this man was righteous and devout, waiting for the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him. ²⁶And it had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord’s Christ. ²⁷And he came in the Spirit into the temple, and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him according to the custom of the Law, ²⁸he took him up in his arms and blessed God and said,

²⁹“Lord, now you are letting your servant depart in peace, according to your word;

³⁰for my eyes have seen your salvation

³¹that you have prepared in the presence of all peoples,

³²a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and for glory to your people Israel.”

³³And his father and his mother marveled at what was said about him. ³⁴And Simeon blessed them and said to Mary his mother, “Behold, this child is appointed for the fall and rising of many in Israel, and for a sign that is opposed ³⁵(and a sword will pierce through your own soul also), so that thoughts from many hearts may be revealed.”

³⁶And there was a prophetess, Anna, the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was advanced in years, having lived with her husband seven years from when she was a virgin, ³⁷and then as a widow until she was eighty-four. She did not depart from the temple, worshiping with fasting and prayer night and day. ³⁸And coming up at that very hour she began to give thanks to God and to speak of him to all who were waiting for the redemption of Jerusalem.

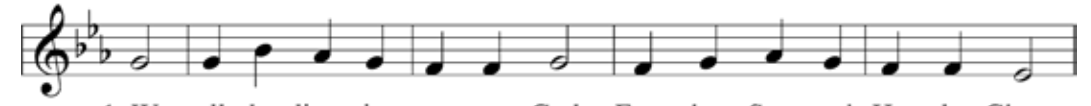
³⁹And when they had performed everything according to the Law of the Lord, they returned into Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. ⁴⁰And the child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom. And the favor of God was upon him.

- P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.
C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

Creed

We All Believe in One True God

LSB 953



1 We all be-lieve in one true God, Fa-ther, Son, and Ho-ly Ghost,
2 We all be-lieve in Je-sus Christ, Son of God and Mar-y's son,
3 We all con-fess the Ho-ly Ghost, Who from both in truth pro-ceeds,



Ev-er-pres-ent help in need, Praised by all the heav'n-ly host;
Who de-scend-ed from His throne And for us sal-va-tion won;
Who sus-tains and com-forts us In all tri-als, fears, and needs.



All He made His love en-folds, All cre-a-tion He up-holds.
By whose cross and death are we Res-cued from all mis-er-y.
Bless-ed, ho-ly Trin-i-ty, Praise for-ev-er be to Thee!

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Sit

Children’s Message

Hymn of the Day

What Child Is This

LSB 370

Sermon

Offertory Hymn

O Sing of Christ

LSB 362

Stand

Stewardship Thoughts

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“And coming up at that very hour she began to give thanks to God and to speak of him to all who were waiting for the redemption of Jerusalem.”

Luke 2:38

Notice here how giving thanks to God leads to good works (*speaking about Jesus, in this case*). Thankfulness towards God for all He has done for us is the foundation of a Christian life lived in godliness. For if we know all that the Lord has done for us, how can we not strive to honor Him with what we think, say and do?

Prayers of the Church

- P** Lord, in Your mercy,
C hear our prayer.

Sharing of the Peace

*The people may greet one another in the name of the Lord, saying, "Peace be with you,"
as a sign of reconciliation and of the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.*

(Matt. 5:22–24; Eph. 4:1–3).

✠ Service of the Sacrament ✠

Preface

LSB 216

- P** The Lord be with you.
C And also with you.
- P** Lift up your hearts.
C We lift them to the Lord.
- P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
C It is right to give Him thanks and praise.
- P** It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. Grant us Your Spirit, gracious Father, that we may give heed to the testament of Your Son in true faith and, above all, firmly take to heart the words with which Christ gives to us His body and blood for our forgiveness. By Your grace, lead us to remember and give thanks for the boundless love which He manifested to us when, by pouring out His precious blood, He saved us from Your righteous wrath and from sin, death, and hell. Grant that we may receive the bread and wine, that is, His body and blood, as a gift, guarantee, and pledge of His salvation. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C** Amen.

Lord's Prayer

LSB 217

- C** Our Father who art in heaven,
hallowed be Thy name,
Thy kingdom come,
Thy will be done on earth
as it is in heaven;
give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the kingdom
and the power and the glory
forever and ever. Amen.

- P** In the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, at His command, and with His own words, we receive His testament:

The Words of Our Lord

LSB 217

- P** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My ✠ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✠ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

Sanctus (Holy, Holy, Holy)

LSB 961

Ho-ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth;
 heav'n and earth are full of Your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the
 high - est. Bless - ed, bless - ed, bless - ed is He who comes in the
 name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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Pax Domini (The Peace of the Lord)

LSB 217

- P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.
- C** Amen.

Agnus Dei II (Lamb of God)

LSB 963

Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the
 world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, You
 take a-way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.
 Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the world;
 grant us Your peace, grant us Your peace.

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Sit

Communion

*Gluten-free options are available:
 please indicate to the pastor
 if you need one of these.*

*Alcohol free juice options are available
 in the center of each of the
 individual cup communion trays.*

Communion Hymn Let All Together Praise Our God

LSB 389

Communion Hymn The Infant Priest Was Holy Born

LSB 624



Dismissal

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart † in peace.

C Amen.

Post-Communion Hymn Lord, Bid Your Servant Go in Peace LSB 937

1 Lord, bid Your ser - vant go in peace,
 2 This is the Sav - ior of the world,
 3 With saints of old, with saints to come,
 Your word is now ful - filled. These eyes have seen sal -
 The Gen - tiles' prom - ised light, God's glo - ry dwell - ing
 To You we lift our voice; To Fa - ther, Son, and
 va - tion's dawn, This child so long fore - told.
 in our midst, The joy of Is - ra - el.
 Spir - it blest Be hon - or, love, and praise.

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Post-Communion Collect LSB 166

A Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Benedicamus & Benediction

P Let us bless the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

P The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and † give you peace.

C Amen.

Closing Hymn Now Greet the Swiftly Changing Year LSB 896

Now Greet the Swiftly Changing Year
cantor sings stzs. 1, 3, & 5

Postlude "Fanfare on 'Mendelssohn'" Lani Smith

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This Week @Immanuel...



- **Sun. Dec. 29th**
 9:00am Worship Service
 10:30am Adult Bible Study
- **Wed. Jan. 1st**
 6:00am Men's Mornings @Elmer's
- **Fri. Jan. 3rd**
 3:00pm Girl Scouts

THANK YOU!

To the many volunteers that helped get Christmas together this year. From pew cards to bulletins, getting the altar area dressed for Christmas, and countless more tasks. There is a long list of things to check off before the first note hits the air on Christmas Eve night and it would not have been possible without all of you!



Christmas Blessings,
Doug
Church Secretary

HOLIDAY OFFICE HOURS

School Office will be closed from Dec. 23rd through Jan. 1st.

Church Office will be operating under modified hours. Please call the office to make sure we are there to greet you if you would like to stop by.

Poinsettias donated to beautify our Sanctuary for Christmas

In Loving Memory of:

Given By:

Charles & Wanda Walter	Al Walters
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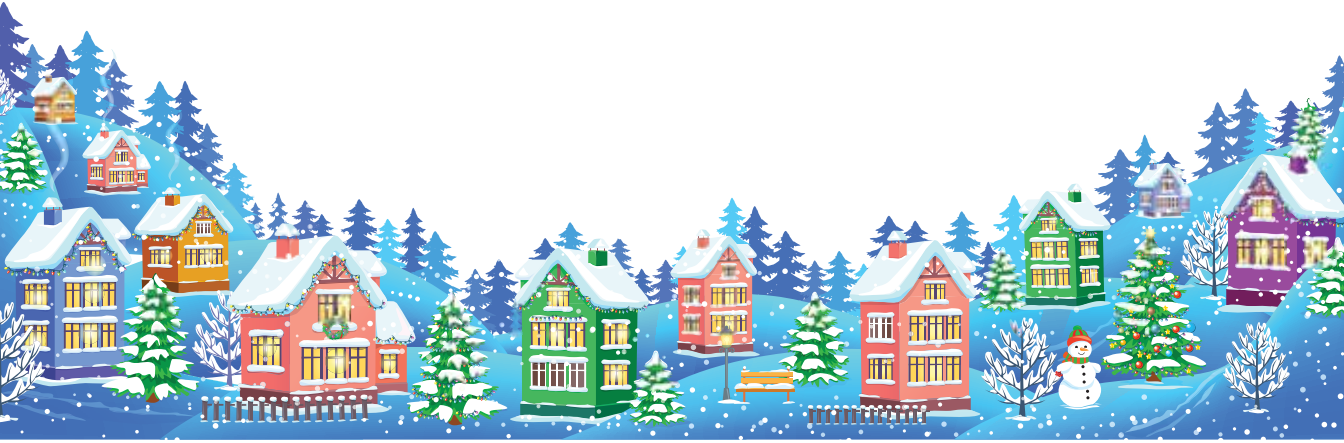
Thank you to all who donated poinsettias.

If you would like, you can bring them home after service.



Join us for Worship

Sunday mornings at 9:00 am



Adult Bible Study
Sunday mornings
at 10:30 am
in the Family Life Center

Sunday School
PreK- 6th grade
Sunday mornings
at 10:30 am

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